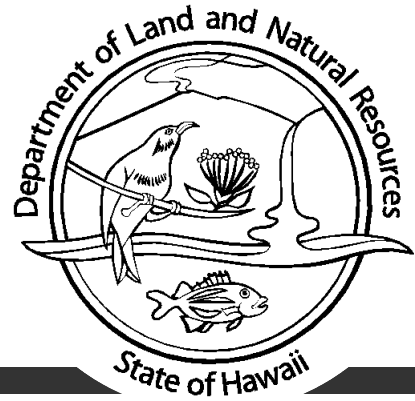


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O'AHU PARK HOURS SWITCH TO SUMMER SCHEDULE

DLNR's Division of State Parks announces that beginning Monday, April 3, 2000, entrance gates to six O'ahu State parks will close one hour later, at 7:45 p.m. everyday, due to longer daylight hours. Park gates open at 7:00 a.m. year-round. The later closing time reflects DLNR's annual summer schedule.

The following O'ahu parks will switch to the summer schedule:

1. Keaiwa Heiau State Recreation Area, 'Aiea
2. Malaekahana State Recreation Area, Kahuku
3. Pu'u 'Ualaka'a State Wayside, Makiki
4. Sand Island State Recreation Area, Honolulu
5. Wa'ahila Ridge State Recreation Area, Honolulu
6. Wahiawa Freshwater State Recreation Area, Wahiawa

"Our State Parks offer a variety of recreation activities such as camping, hiking and picnic areas for people to unwind and relax," said Nagata. "We are glad to be able to continue our tradition of extending parks hours for the summertime so that Hawai'i's public can enjoy the pleasures of our beautiful outdoors."

The winter schedule for gate closing will resume on Tuesday, September 5, 2000 (the day after the Labor Day holiday). For more information, call the Division of State Parks, 587-0300, O'ahu.

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